

Employment for All: Delivering Quality Pre-Employment Transition Services to All Students



WIOA, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, directs us to pursue Competitive Integrated Employment for all persons with disabilities. Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) are intended to prepare students for college and careers but how do we include students with significant disabilities in Pre-ETS activities? This session will:

- introduce participants to strategies that enable them to envision the possibility of community employment for everyone
- assist in identifying interests, aptitudes and skills of people with significant disabilities
- illustrate how to include all students in work-based learning opportunities
- provide strategies for approaching employers to negotiate a job for an individual with a disability

While this session will focus on students with significant disabilities, the content will be applicable for all students who need some flexibility and creatively to be successful in employment.

This session is open to school staff, parents, Vocational Rehabilitation staff, and employment agencies that provide pre-employment transition services (services to groups or individual case services).

April 7, 2016

8:30AM-12:30PM
registration 8:00-8:30

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Technical Assistance Session: 12:30—4:00

Lunch provided (please register for this session in addition to the morning session)

Presenters Abby Cooper and Roger Shelley and members of the Pre-ETS TAC team will meet with Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors and/or schools to strategize how the information and strategies shared in the morning session can be incorporated into school work plans with Vocational Rehabilitation and identify additional technical assistance, training and support needed from the Pre-ETS TAC.

About the Presenters:

Abby Cooper, a consultant to the Pre-ETS Technical Assistance Center, is a passionate job developer and shares her expertise on job development, employer engagement and workforce system aligning policies and system change; she has a working knowledge of VR systems and how to make Customized Employment fit within those VR systems and extensive experience implementing schools to work transition. She is a certified Benefits Planner and also provides training on Social Security Benefits.

Roger Shelley, who resides in Red Lodge Montana, has extensive experience working in rural areas of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North and South Dakota, Texas, Maine, and Alaska building capacity around developing self-employment as well as wage employment for youth and adults with disabilities. He has worked with people with traumatic brain injuries, intellectual disabilities, and people with dual diagnoses (mental health and developmental disabilities). Shelley also has experience working with Montana workforce agencies.